

The child died the 5th instant. I have preserved the substance at my house in Mark-lane.

Feb. 6, 1755.

Richard Guy, *Surgeon.*

X. *Extracts of Two Letters from Mr. James Latterman, Student in Physic and Surgery, to Dr. Schloffer, now residing in London, concerning the Effects of the Agaric of the Oak, after some of the most capital Operations in Surgery. To which are added, Some remarkable Experiments made upon the Arteries of Horses, with the Powder of the Lycoperdon, or Lupi Crepitus; by Monsieur La Fosse, Farrier to the King of France. Communicated by Mr. Joseph Warner, F. R. S. Surgeon of Guy's Hospital.*

Extract of the First Letter, dated at Paris, January 15, 1755.

Read Feb. 13. 1755. **D**R. Latterman informs Dr. Schloffer of his having made application to Monsieur Andouillet, Monsieur Moreau, and to many other surgeons of note, to know upon what subjects, and how often, they have made use of the agaric of the oak. Monsieur Andouillet informs Dr. Latterman,

terman, that he had applied it after six amputations, and successfully; three times after amputations of legs above knee; and three times after amputations of legs below the knee.

Monfieur Moreau, furgeon to the Hotel Dieu, informs Dr. Latterman, that he had applied the agaric of the oak, after feveral amputations of legs below the knee, and after feveral amputations of the arm both above and below the elbow, and every time with fuccefs: that their method of applying it is by placing pieces of the agaric upon the mouths of the veffels, and upon them doffils of lint.

*Extraét of the Second Letter, dated at Paris,
February 5, 1755.*

Read Feb. 13, 1755. **D**R. Latterman informs Dr. Schloffer, that Monfieur Andouillet, furgeon of the Charitè, has lately amputated a leg above the knee. He applied the agaric of the oak in the ufual manner, and no bleeding at all has fince happened. Two days after the operation, the Doctor faw him remove the dreffings, and the whole of the agaric: the mouths of the veffels appeared quite clofed, and he made no farther ufe of the agaric to the wound. The patient has a fair profpect of doing well; and the wound appears properly digefted.

Dr. Latterman then proceeds to give Dr. Schloffer an account of fome experiments made upon the principal arteries of horfes, after being divided. Dr. Latterman obferves, that the virtues of the powder of the lycoperdon, or the lupi crepitus, have been

been known for some time; but that Monsieur la Fosse has made them more conspicuous by his experiments. His first observation is this, that, upon applying it upon the mouths of the largest arteries, when divided, the bleeding has ceased in a few minutes, and that the mouths of the divided arteries have healed up without any farther discharge. His second observation is, that in twenty-four hours after the application of this powder, a thin pellicle or skin is formed upon the mouths of the divided arteries, and that within the vessels is found a small plug of congealed blood. His third observation is, that the pulsation of the artery is to be seen in a very distinct manner at the extremities of the vessels. His fourth observation is this, that the coagulated blood is of a conical figure, whose basis is at the mouth of the vessel, and its apex in an opposite direction.

Dr. Latterman says, that all these curious experiments have been verified by the commissaries of the Academy of Sciences, who, upon observation, have found them all agreeable to truth.

XI. *A Letter from James Parsons, M. D. F. R. S. to Thomas Birch, D. D. Secret. R. S. concerning the Use of Lycoperdon, in stopping Blood after Amputations.*

S I R,

London, Feb. 13, 1755.

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THE laudable endeavours of several gentlemen of our learned Society, as well as of Paris, have been exerted strenuously